Vijayanagar Steel Project

618. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the request of Karnataka Government is still pending with the Central Government with regard to transfer of land and other assets of Vijayanagar Steel Project to the State Government/Joint Sector venture; and

(b) if so, the reasons for the inordinate delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) The proposal submitted by the State Government of Karnataka had to be reviewed due to certain changes in their proposed Joint Sector Project. However, a decision in the matter is expected to be taken shortly.

Production of Steel by SAIL

619. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Steel Authority of India Limited has recently initiated several measures to increase production and raise profits;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the modernisation and expansion of Steel Authority of India Limited would be carried during the current plan period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. SAIL has recently initiated several measures to improve production and productivity which are as follows:—

Production

(i) Increase in production of saleable steel from 8.028 MT in 1991-92 to 8.216 MT in 1992-93 and further to 8.600 MT in 1993-94.

(ii) Increased production of high demand products like thinner gauge HR Coils, thinner gauge CR Coils/sheets, 6 & 7 MM wire rods, Electrode quality wire rods, CRNO, TMBP etc.

(iii) Reduction in energy consumption.

(iv) Improving by-products yield and recovery.

(v) Higher captive power generation.

(vi) Optimising inter-plant synergy with transfer of rollable steel and know-how.

Profitability

(i) Increase in production of saleable steel.

(ii) Improvement of techno economic parameters so as to effect cost reduction.

(iii) Reduction in enegry consumption.

(iv) Improvement in yield of by-products and better recovery of waste and secondary arisings.

(v) Optimising captive power generation.

(vi) Better inventory management.

(vii) Vigorous implementation of budgetary control system.

(viii) Inculation of cost consciousness at all levels in the Company.

(ix) Modernisaion and technological upgradation of plant and equipment.

(c) and (d) Durgapur and Rourkela Steel Plant Modernisation projects are currently under implementation and these are likely to be completed during the 8th Plan period. Modernisation of Bokaro Steel

Plant and Burnpur Works of IISCO are yet to be approved by the Government. Details are given below:

DURGAPUR STEEL PLANT

Modernisation of Durgapur Steel Plant was sanctioned at a Definitive Cost Estimate of Rs. 2667.56 crores in February '89 on base date of IIIrd quarter 1988. The project is likely to cost now Rs. 3897.31 crores on the base date of May '92 The approved outlay for the project in the 8th plan period is Rs. 1810 crores.

ROURKELA STEEL PLANT

Modernisation of Rourkela Steel Plant was sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs. 3954 crores base 1st quarter 1992. The approved outlay for the project in the 8th plan period is Rs. 35.45 crores.

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Private participation for the modernisation of IISCO, Burnpur is under examination of the Government.

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620. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Steel Authority of India has identified marketing and increased profitability as the priority areas for the company; and

(b) if so, the salient features of the action plan stating time by which these are to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Salient features of the Action Plan are as follows:

PROFITABILITY

(i) Increase in production of saleable steel.

(ii) Improvement of techno-economic parameters so as to effect cost reduction.

(iii) Reduction in energy consumption.

(iv) Improvement in yield of by-products and better recovery of waste and secondary arisings.

(v) Optimising captive power generation.

(vi) Better inventory management.

(vii) Vigorous implementation of budgetary control system.

(viii) Inculcation of cost consciousness at all levels in the Company.

(ix) Modernisation and technological upgradation of plant and equipment.

MARKETING

(i) Suitable adjustment of product-mix in line with market demand and greater emphasis on value added products.

(ii) Strengthening of market research.

(iii) Improvement of customer relationship.

(iv) Stepping up of exports.

(v) Close monitoring of movement of materials from plants to consumption centres.

Improving profitability is an ongoing process.

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